

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Janet Fair on March 3, 2010.
3. The application has been amended as follows:
 - A. Claim 34 has been amended to read in favor of:
--34. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 26, wherein Y₃ is selected from a single bond and -O-; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.--.
 - B. Claim 51 has been amended to read in favor of:
--51. (Rejoined, currently amended) A method of preventing or treating obesity in a subject in need of such prevention or treatment comprising administration of prophylactically or therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to Claim 26.--.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

4. Based upon the response filed November 17, 2009, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) based upon Pharmacia Corporation is withdrawn.
5. Non-elected claim 51 is rejoined with the invention of Group I. At pages 2 and 64, support for the examiner's amendment is found.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zinna N. Davis whose telephone number is 571-272-0682.

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